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Big Changes Coming to Saint Leo Student Healthcare

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Nurses Terry Dadez (Left) and Patti Dempsey (center) dutifully assist student Tihana Hajdinjak (right) with an injury to her foot received after taking a fall.

By now, students have already become aware, one way or another, of a major change happening to the Saint Leo campus.

On Feb. 23, Saint Leo officially released an announcement to the campus community that the Health and Wellness Center would be under new management starting in May. Florida Hospital will replace the current Health and Wellness Center in time for the upcoming fall semester.

Members of the administration spent months finalizing the arrangements for the upcoming transition and had prepared to break the news to the medical staff before the decision was made public.

"The University went through planning for several months; it didn't just happen. But of course, because employees are involved, we wanted to have the arrangements in place before we told them," said Eric Weekes, vice president of business affairs.

Despite this carefully planned announcement, the information became public before the University officially released it.

"There had been rumors going around," said Terry Dadez, director of health services. "We actually had HR come in here on Feb. 22 and give us formal notice that we were being released on May 3 from our duties."

The next day, Feb. 23, an official announcement was sent to the campus community.

Weekes said that there was no malicious intent behind the administration's actions, and that they had every intention of informing the affected staff within an appropriate amount of time; however, once the information was prematurely disclosed, the University had no choice but to immediately release the announcement.

"As we said in the announcement, we had planned to tell the employees and then make the announcement to students shortly thereafter. I believe what happened is that there is a student who is a worker there and they found out essentially the same time that the employees found out. There was absolutely no intent by the administration to hide this from students," said Weekes.

Freshman Health and Wellness Center student worker Maggie Sroka became aware of the news before the University sent the announcement to the campus community.

"Another student and I were only spreading the information we had heard from direct sources in the health center because we wanted other students to be aware," said Sroka. "We live on a campus with under 3,000 students, so information like that is bound to spread fast."

Sroka said she was upset by the part of the announcement that stated "inaccurate information" had been shared. However, she believed the announcement contained false information, such as the part that stated the nurses were encouraged to seek further employment with Florida Hospital, which she believes to be untrue.

Weekes stated that administration provided information to the nurses about job placement elsewhere, and that Florida Hospital also encouraged the nursing staff to reapply for their positions on the Saint Leo campus or for new positions at one of several Florida Hospitals. Dadez was among those who applied for a job with Florida Hospital.

"I've done it. I don't think it will help or hurt anything. I've applied for several and I'm looking at getting one at Florida Hospital," Dadez said. "I'm not a floor nurse anymore. I've done critical care, and ICU, and ER and all kinds of stuff. I want to get into more quality improvement, education, and things like that. That's what I love to do."

Another concern about jobs revolves around student workers. It is unclear whether or not student workers will be employed at the new health center run by Florida Hospital.

"I'd doubt it," said Dadez. "Because [Florida Hospital is] not really working for the University. They're like an outside contractor/ separate entity, but I'm not sure what kind of agreement they have."

Student workers get skills from working with the nurses that can be used later on in life, or help further their career if they want to work in healthcare.

Sroka has worked at the Health and Wellness Center since Aug. of 2016. The student workers at the wellness center do things such as scan and file health records of withdrawals and graduated students, greet the students who come in and answer their questions, and help students fill out the proper forms to see the nurses or the doctors. They also add different documentation to students' files, such as sick notes or excuses from class. Additionally, they complete basic tasks for the nurses, such as checking the mail and delivering checks.

"In addition to the tasks listed in my job description, I am also a source of comfort for students. I've held hands with students while they have received shots, assured them about test results, and have been a source of aid for those who are sick," said Sroka. "It is extremely rewarding to know I am comforting someone who is ill and being a friend and ally for my fellow students and peers."

Other University students shared a similar concern for the upcoming changes among the staff.

"I was really conflicted about this change because I go often to visit the nurses. They're all people that I consider to be good friends," said Jahiedy Vinas, senior English major.

Sabrina Kurtz, another senior English major, bonded with many members of the clinic staff during her time at Saint Leo and will be sad to see many of those familiar faces leave.

"I love the nurses. They have always been super nice to me," Kurtz said. "The doctor has always been so nice."

"That's why I'm conflicted," said Vinas. "These nurses have been here for so long. They know the students and the students feel comfortable with them. If there was a way that they could

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Editorial

Bringing Disney to Life

By Jordan Cardenas
Contributing Writer

In the world of cinema, sequels and remakes of popular films are now more common than ever. Some consumers applaud it and come wanting more, while others think of it as a quick and cheap way to make money.

The world famous Walt Disney Pictures has jumped onto this bandwagon, having already remade "Cinderella," "The Jungle Book," and the recent "Beauty and the Beast" from animated classics into live action films. According to SCNow, the company already plans on continuing this series, with at least 12 new live action remakes, such as "Mulan" and "The Lion King" already in the works. But the question is: should they?

Disney films play a huge part in the childhoods of past and even future generations. Their films are often what many children are first exposed to.

From Disney's first hit "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in 1937 to "The Lion King" in 1994, the company has a fierce and strong pedigree that has stuck with many children all the way into adulthood and passed onto their children like a sacred tradition. But why change tradition by remaking these films into live action retellings?

The saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" strongly applies here, as many of these Disney films have been revered for their characters, the actors' performances, their musical scores, and mastery of animation. While a reimagining of Disney's films in a realistic setting isn't a crime, the purpose is debatable.

Due to Disney's typical fantasy stories, a large amount of CG animation is being produced anyway. This is especially the case for "The Lion King," a story with no human characters that would simply utilize CG animals with unnatural lip movements. It seems pointless to remake animation with more animation in a "live action" film.

On the other hand, some Disney films could benefit from being brought to life, such as "Mulan" being based on the Chinese legend. At the same time, certain liberties made by directors can still ruin these films for those who enjoyed the originals. Evening Standard reported that not only would Mulan's companion Li Shang be replaced by another character, but the film could also potentially cut its memorable songs, such as "I'll Make a Man Out of You."

Many are torn by the idea of these remakes distancing too far from their childhoods, but following them too closely could be a problem itself. Independent noted that while the live action "Beauty and the Beast" remake was widely well received, its biggest criticism was following the original too closely. If these live action films have any potential strength, it could be changing past films for the better—such as the controversial "Pocahontas" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

The question still stands: Why should Disney bother to bring their already loved animated hallmarks to life? The obvious answer is money. According to Deadline, as of Mar. 30, the recent "Beauty and the Beast" has already grossed $751.1 million internationally. With several more films to come and utilizing popular actors, such as Emma Watson, Disney is sure to bring in huge earnings with so many big names in a single package.

At the same time, this isn't the first time Disney has attempted live action remakes. In 1996, "101 Dalmatians" starred popular actors, like Glenn Close and Hugh Laurie. The remake was successful enough to even spawn its own sequel, "102 Dalmatians" in the year 2000.

It's ironic to see a company founded upon and known for its stellar animation to be relying on live action remakes for massive amounts of profit. The idea itself seems ultimately pointless when Disney has already made it big with their stories and characters in the past and continues to do so with recent hits, like "Frozen" and "Moana."

However, nostalgia is undoubtedly an easy way to persuade and attract customers. Only time will determine whether Disney's efforts in these new live action remakes will become tradition for families in the future or be overshadowed by their original counterparts.

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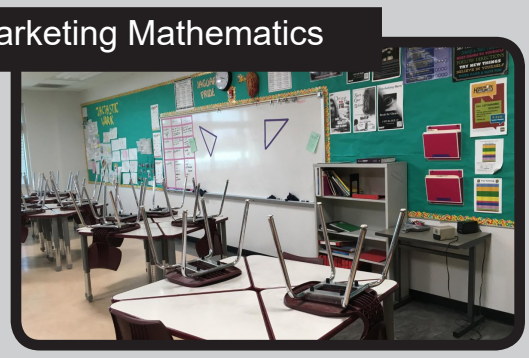

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The U.S. placed 38th out of 71 nations in an assessment that measured students' reading, math, and science literacy among 15-year-olds in many developed and developing nations. To find out how this is so and ways United States can improve this, read the article online.

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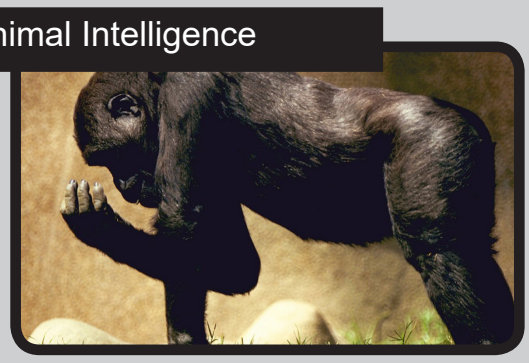

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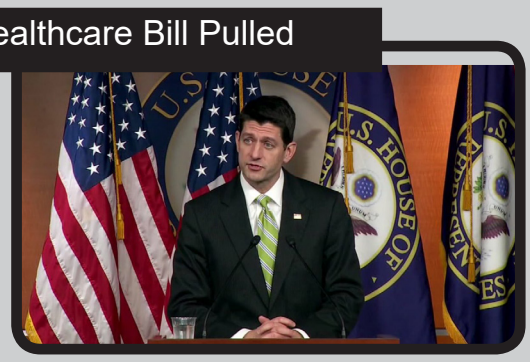

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Republicans pulled the healthcare bill that was supposed to repeal Obamacare before the bill got a chance to be voted on; to learn how and why this happened, read the article online.

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Campus News

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all keep their jobs, that would be awesome!"

Though breaking the news to the campus community proved to be difficult, the decision to collaborate with Florida Hospital was an easy one. This change is occurring because both parties showed mutual interest in a partnership; Florida Hospital wanted to be more involved and Saint Leo administrators saw this as a chance to provide students with better medical equipment and resources.

"We think that the Florida Hospital will bring a lot more resources to students, much more than Saint Leo could ever afford," Weekes said. "[It will bring] access to much better equipment than we have here and access to a larger range of medical resources. Different types of doctors, different types of expertise."

The Florida Hospital team will offer more advanced care than the Saint Leo campus is currently capable of providing.

"For instance, if there is some sort of flu outbreak, Florida Hospital can bring ten nurses and ten doctors to the school or have the students go to the Florida Hospital only seven to ten miles away," said Weekes. "Right now, we would not be able to do any of that; we don't have those resources. They do."

Members of the student community also have their ideas about what they'd like to see Florida Hospital bring to the campus.

"I would like [Florida Hospital] to provide different tests, like bloodwork," said Vinas. "To provide the kind of care that a hospital does instead of only giving general medical help."

Kurtz agreed that better, more advance medical testing would be helpful and make the clinic feel more like a real health center versus a campus clinic.

Sroka believes that these changes could be positive, but the issue, to her, is not enough information has been released about what features will be offered to students going forward. And, she would have liked the press release sent out by the University to have provided more information regarding which insurance policies will be covered and which will not, especially for international and out-of-state students who have insurance that may not be covered by Florida Hospital.

Cost seems to be one of the most common concerns for students.

"Saint Leo's tuition has already risen since last year, so if students have to pay the $1,200 for the school insurance, I'm afraid it might deter some students from the superb education Saint Leo has to offer," Sroka said.

According to Weekes, the administration foresees no changes to the cost of students' insurance.

"Currently, students are required to have United Healthcare. Assuming that, unless students have an opt-out because they can show that their parents have a different insurance, then the same United Healthcare will apply, and the cost will be the same; there will be no change in service to students or cost," Weekes said.

Dadez agrees, but her concern is the personal, familial sense of care that students currently receive will be lost.

"I'm thinking they're going to be able to accept people's insurance, but that means they're going to be more of a business than a student service," said Dadez. "We don't want students to [...] get charged for the little things that we do like hand sanitizer or bandaids or little things like that, but they're here to make money."

In addition to accepting the same insurance, students can also expect to see no changes to the cost of services.

"The health care cost is between the student and United Healthcare. The University is not involved in that. So, I am not aware of any cost increases from United Healthcare, but that would be in the course of normal business and will have nothing to do with the change to Florida Hospital," said Weekes.

Weekes and his fellow administrators feel the change to a Florida Hospital run clinic is "100 percent for the better," and foresee no immediate or drastic changes to de Chantal Hall or the care given in the clinic.

According to Dadez, originally, a two-story building was supposed to be built across the street, with the clinic on the bottom and the gym on the top. Florida Hospital gave the University a substantial monetary gift.

"They were going to keep one person here to do all the records, triaging them, and then send them over to [the clinic across the street]; that's what we were told," Dadez said. "And the center across the street never got made."

Weekes said, for now, no immediate changes will be made.

"In the beginning, [Florida Hospital] will just get up to speed and service students as has been done in the past. Over time, if they see there's an additional resource or benefit they can bring to the table, then they will do that. The goal is to provide students with the same service that they are currently getting," said Weekes.

Although the quality of care is not expected to decline, Dadez fears for the quality of compassion.

"We [the current health center staff] give a lot of care and empathy to the students, and I'm hoping that doesn't change. There's a way to give quality care to students, not just take their money," Dadez said.

Skorka feels that many of the University's core values had been overlooked.

"I believe that Saint Leo's core value of community will take a hit. Saint Leo is a small, close-knit community and by getting rid of an aspect of that close-knit community that nurtures the health and well-being of students, we put profit and self-interest over what sets us apart as a community," said Sroka. "If we have outside corporations coming in on campus, changing and impacting our community in a way we're unsure of, I'm not sure of what about that is positive. It seems almost blindly optimistic to me."

The main thing that Skorka would like to see come out of this issue is greater transparency from the University to ensure that students know what is happening with their money and their healthcare.

Photo by Wakens Leonard

University administration believes that Florida Hospital will bring new, advanced resources to the campus.

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Dempsey is only one of the friendly faces that offer comfort to all students who enter the clinic looking for asistance.

Photo by Wakens Leonard

The nursing staff has seen it all; from seasonal allergies, to severe sprains, Dadez (center right) and Dempsey (center left) help all students overcome what ails them.

Worldwide

Chemical Weapon Attacks in Syria Cause Dismay

By Niclas Bez
Staff Writer

The conflict in Syria has escalated with another chemical weapon attack in the town of Khan Sheikhoun in the province of Idlib in northern Syria. The attack on Apr. 4 killed almost one hundred people, including many children.

Russia's defense ministry has argued in a press conference that Syrian planes were destroying chemical weapons, not deploying them, and said the airstrikes targeted a rebel storage depot for toxins. Many western nations, including the United States, however, blamed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"The US government is working to ascertain the truth behind this incident, but it has the fingerprints of a regime attack. If the Assad regime was indeed responsible for perpetrating this attack, the reported casualty figures would make it the biggest incident like this since the Syrian regime sarin attack in August 2013 against the Damascus suburbs," said a U.S. intelligence official at the press conference, as reported by USA Today.

As a result of this attack President Donald J. Trump ordered a counter-attack on the Shayrat air base, from where Tuesday's chemical attacks were launched. The US Navy sent 59 Tomahawk missiles from two destroyers that were aimed to strike aircraft, fuel storage, weapon dumps, and other equipment, according to USA Today.

"Using a deadly nerve agent, Assad choked out the life of innocent men, women and children. It was a slow and brutal death for so many, even beautiful babies were cruelly murdered in this very barbaric attack. No child of God should ever suffer such horror. Tonight I ordered a targeted military strike on the airfield in Syria from where the chemical attack was launched. It is in this vital, national security interest of the United States to prevent and deter the spread and use of deadly chemical weapons. There can be no dispute that Syria used banned chemical weapons, violated its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and ignored the urging of the U.N. Security Council," said Trump on Thursday night in Palm Beach, Fla., as reported by New York Times.

In 2013, when a chemical attack killed nearly 1400 people in Syria President Obama asked for congressional approval to attack Syria, which got rejected. Afterwards Russia's President Vladimir Putin jumped in to help negotiate a deal that should ban the possession and use of chemical weapons by the Syrian government.

"There is a small town that is controlled by the rebels in the north of Syria, close to the Turkish border. Assad attacked this small town with chemical weapons and almost one hundred people died. Most of them were women and children. The airport from where Assad started the airplanes for these attacks has been destroyed through the American attacks," said Ammar Mohrat, who is a senior with a major in computer science and who was born and raised in Syria, regarding the recent attacks.

The United Nations Security Council had previously tried to impose sanctions on Syria over the alleged use of chemical weapons by the government of President Bashar al-Assad. However, at the last Security Council meeting in Feb., China, Russia, and Bolivia used their veto. Over the last five years, Russia used seven vetoes to protect its ally Syria.

"I always say that we need the Americans and NATO to interfere and help us. However, there is no need to put troops on the ground. It would help to have a no-fly zone in northern Syria, so that refugees can come back into Syria to build a new army that will fight against Assad and ISIS. This is the only way to beat radical Islam and foreign troops will only make it worse because you need the local people to fight," Mohrat said.

It is an uptight situation with no clear solution in sight. As long as the countries of the United Nations and NATO are not clear about how to handle the situation the civil war will not end. The consequences can be seen all over the world with millions of refugees that are looking for a life in peace. Especially in Turkey and the European Union, many countries have been overwhelmed with the amount of refugees that tried to enter these safe countries.

"The Americans should establish a no-fly zone and then help people to create a new constitution and a new parliament in Syria. Then they should help to establish a new army and a new government and the people could take over Damascus. Assad has been in power for over seven years and he killed thousands of people. Because of him there are so many refugees and he cause all the problems," Mohrat said.

The main problem with a big coalition to precipitate the Syrian government is that the Syrian population is divided. As long as President al-Assad still has a big share of the population supporting him it will be difficult to support the rebellious fighters that want to establish a new government.

"Years of previous attempts at changing Assad's behavior have all failed and failed very dramatically. As a result, the refugee crisis continues to deepen, and the region continues to destabilize, threatening the United States and its allies. Tonight I call on all civilized nations to join us in seeking to end the slaughter and bloodshed in Syria. And also, to end terrorism of all kinds and all types," said Trump to journalists on the night of Apr. 6 at West Palm Beach, Fla.

As Trump stated, solving the problem in Syria will also help to fight terrorism. The civil war in Syria has nourished radical terrorist groups that are looking for redemption to whoever killed their loved ones. This makes the Syria crisis a problem that affects all countries around the world. Many refugees would like to go back to their home country, when the conflict is solved and they can feel safe again.

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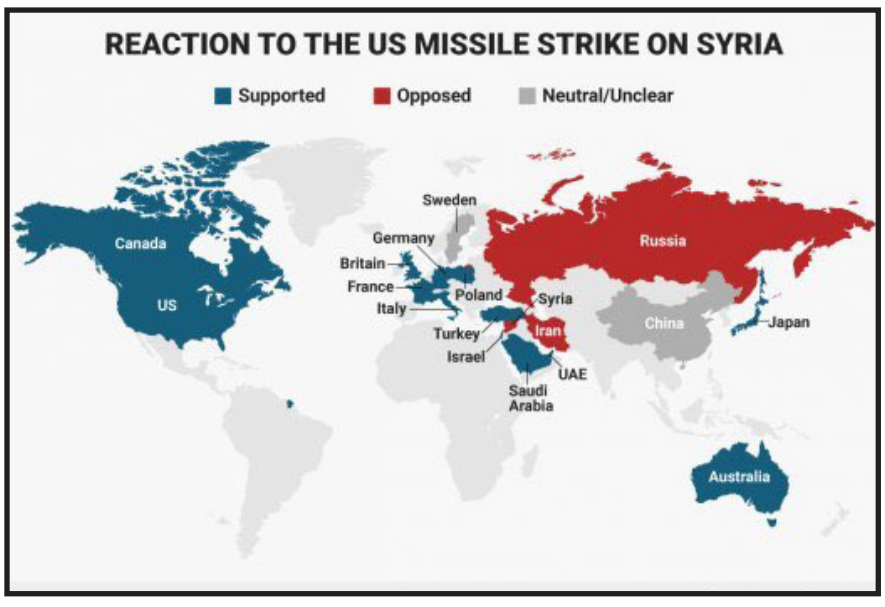
Tomahawk missiles were launched from US Navy destroyers in the Mediterranean sea.



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Most western countries supported the U.S. attack on the Syrian air base.

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British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson canceled his visit to Moscow over Russia's Attitude in Syria Crisis.

National

Financial Pitfalls - What to Avoid After Graduating

By Niclas Bez
Staff Writer

Many seniors are graduating at the end of Apr., while the juniors are heading towards the final chapter of their college experience. Once they start working, however, there are many common pitfalls that young adults make when joining the workforce.

For many people who did not work during college it is new to have a steady paycheck filling up their bank account. This incoming money from working after college may be tempting students to spend it on things that are not necessary. It seems that almost everyone knows somebody who bought a new car, new phone, a big TV, or other things that are not absolutely needed.

"Students often overspend on an auto or apartment. Students often try to live a lifestyle like their parents enjoy, but their parents have worked and saved for decades to afford that lifestyle," said Rick Scott, Saint Leo assistant professor in the accounting, economics, and finance department.

This spending might have fatal repercussions on the financial security in the future of someone. One step that everybody can do is making a monthly payment plan to pay off the most important things before spending money on anything else. One of these things might be paying off a student loan. Not doing so can ruin the person's credit score, which could limit the person's ability to buy a house, car, or get a rental apartment. Incidentally, there are loan specialists that focus solely on making payment schedules and helping people to get out of debt.

Another financial obstacle that adults may face is saving too late. Most individuals will retire some day; therefore, they should have sufficient funds for a financially comfortable retirement. This is especially important, since Social Security does not provide enough retirement funds and Social Security is not guaranteed anyway. According to The Washington Post, the Social Security fund will be empty in less than 20 years, as more people of the baby boomer generation will retire.

When people start waiting too long before they start to save it will significantly decreases the funds that will be available at the time of retirement. Some of the common retirement plans are the IRA, the 403-b, or the 401-K. Through the effect of compound interest, the money that is paid into these accounts increases every year.

"Paying off a student loan is usually more important than starting to save for retirement unless it is a very low interest rate loan. On the other hand, if you work at a company that will match your contributions to a 401k or 403b, it is of the highest priority to contribute as much of your salary as the company will match to your retirement plan. Not doing so is the equivalent to turning down free money. In other words, it is crazy for most people to pass matching funds up," said Scott.

However, one major disadvantage of these pension plans is that the owner is not in control of his/her money. Although for some people it might seem uncomfortable to self-manage their money, it can be a big disadvantage. The managing companies of these pension plans take a big share of the profits that is made from the money, while the risk is carried by the pension holder.

During the 2008 financial crisis, the owners of a retirement plan had to take a big hit. Even though the portfolios of these plans were diversified in different industries, most people lost lots of money. However, the companies that manage the plans did not lose any money, since they don't take the risks, whereas these companies make the majority of the profits when the investments are doing well.

Many people realized these flaws in the system after losing money in the crisis and switched to a self-managed pension plan. These plans allow the owners to manage their money themselves. While many people are scared of doing that, it can also be a big opportunity. Also, unexperienced investors can learn how to manage their money in a safe way through books and seminars on investing. This way the investor carries the same amount of risks, makes all of the profits, and is being able to control their investments themselves.

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"Rising rents and increasing student loan debt have pushed the retirement age to 75 for college graduates," according to a new NerdWallet (personal finance website) study.

"I advise recent graduates to keep your debt levels down. Avoid using credit cards unless you can pay off the balance every month to avoid interest charges. Start a regular saving plan to build up your rainy-day fund and make a budget," said Scott.

With these tips future graduates can live a good life, while also planning for a future that is financially secure. The road to financial success might not seem easy, but it is worth it.

Trump's Plan to Bring Back Dying Coal Mining Jobs

By Niclas Bez
Staff Writer

The new President Donald J. Trump has stated that he will continue his efforts to bring back coal mining jobs to the United States. These efforts seem controversial in an industry that has seen a massive decrease through automation and a decrease in demand for coal.

There already are technological advancements in the industry; for example, in an Appalachia coal mine in Decatur, Ill., engineers are working and testing self-driving mammoth haul trucks that need little to no human supervision. However, in spite of the technological advancements, Trump has made clear his disapproval for this decrease in coal mining jobs.

"I have had support from you folks right from the beginning and I won't forget it. This is HJ resolution 38 that will save many thousands American jobs, especially in the mines, which I have been promising you," said Trump in an announcement about the Bill that should protect mining jobs.

While jobs should be saved, the newest self-driving technology is being used for 850,000 pound trucks that can work without remote operators or drivers. In addition to the transportation trucks, new drills and a more efficient use of explosions has led to a further decrease in mining jobs. In fact, Caterpillar, a company that manufactures construction machinery, already has autonomous trucks that are used in mines in Western Australia. Caterpillar states on their website that "An autonomous truck doesn't need to stop for lunch breaks or shift changes."

Despite these facts, on Mar. 28, Trump announced that he is deciding to move forward in dismantling the Obama administration's climate change efforts. Through the cheap and easy availability of natural gas, the electricity made from coal has become less competitive for the electricity generation. Furthermore, electricity sales are decreasing, while the export of coal is constantly falling.

"People think of coal mining as some 1890s, colorful, populous frontier activity, but it's much better to think of it as a high-tech industry with far fewer miners and more engineers and coders. The regulatory changes are entirely outweighed by these technological changes, not to mention the price of natural gas or renewables," said Mark Muro, who is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program, to the New York Times.

The issue of preserving jobs in the coal industry is a two-sided argument, with politicians who want to keep dying industries alive through government funds, where as others would like to use renewable energy sources instead for sustainable growth. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has opposed regulations on carbon emissions and stated that former President Obama's Clean Power Plan would result in a loss of 200,000 jobs each year until 2030. However, energy and labor specialists said that this projection is wildly overstated in an interview with the New York Times.

On the other hand, environmental groups state that jobs related to clean energy would create as many as 274,000 new jobs until 2020, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council. The plan from the Obama administration was to close hundreds of coal-fired power plants and stop the construction of new plants. To meet the plan of decreasing carbon emissions by 26 percent by 2025, the plan was to replace coal energy with solar and wind farms. However, the plan has not been put in effect because it had been blocked by the Supreme Court.

Even if the government does not regulate carbon emissions, the coal mining jobs will not come back unless the government substitutes the industry with hundreds of billions of dollars.

From 1980 until 2015, the coal production has increased by eight percent, and in the same time, the industry saw a decrease in their workforce from 242,000 to less than 100,000. Essentially, through the use of technology and automation, the productivity per worker has almost tripled, according to data from the federal Energy Information Administration and the Brookings Institution.

The jobs in the coal industry have decreased drastically and is predicted to decrease even more. In fact, in a recent study by the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, it is predicted that automation is likely to replace 40 to 80 percent of workers at mines.

"However way you spin it, gas and renewables are going to continue to replace coal and in order to stay competitive, coal will have to increase automation. What Mr. Trump does will make little difference," said Nicolas Maennling, a senior in economics and policy researcher at Columbia University, who is also an author of the automation study to New York Times.

Arts & Entertainment

A Simple and Serpently Fun Game

By Austin Chiavaroli
Contributing Writer

Ever wondered what it would be like to be a slithering snake? "Snake Pass" gives players that exact opportunity. Produced and developed by company Sumo Digital, "Snake Pass" puts the player into the body of a snake to control around colorful and vibrant areas and solve. While some may think this may be easy, they are very well mistaken.

The story of "Snake Pass" isn't too complicated. Noodle, the snake, and his humming bird friend, Doodle, have found that the paradisiac home of Haven Tor is in danger. The transporting gates found around the area have been crasher due to a mysterious gate crasher at the top of Haven Tor. It is up to Noodle and Doodle to fix the transportation gates and make it to the top of Haven Tor to put an end to this gate crashing.

"Snake Pass" uses game physic mechanics to give weight to everything in the world, especially Noodle. When slithering around the different stages of the game, many obstacles and different types of puzzles will be given to the player to solve in order to progress and fix the gates in each level. However, the physics engine adds difficulty to this, as when coiling around an object, the weight can be displaced, making working up or around multiple poles to be a challenge. Even getting around is a difficult task, as players must make Noodle move side to side to go forward faster much like an actual snake. If Noodle is moved in a straight line, he becomes slower and has a harder time climbing up objects.

The game is also full of many collectibles that can be found all throughout each area to help players get a better score on the level. It has a "Banjo Kazooie" feeling to it as this makes the game also partially a 'collectathon' game. Speaking of "Banjo Kazooie," from the same company of Rareware, one of the old composers, David Wise, has come to breathe some music into "Snake Pass." With very fun and sometimes beautiful tropical sounding tracks, the soundtrack for this game is very well made.

There are some issues with this game though. First, the game campaign isn't very long, as there are only four worlds and fifteen stages in the whole thing. Another issue is the lack of story, while this isn't too large of an issue, a better plot would have made this game even more intriguing and unique. There is also the issue of the game camera, at most times it does a good job of helping the player see the surroundings, but sometimes the camera can't move to a spot that can show where some collectables are. Death is also an issue in this game because if Noodle dies from falling or other reasons, the player gets sent to the last checkpoint and all their collectables found after that point will be lost and have to be found once more.

"Snake Pass" is a simple yet satisfying game that definitely tries something new and different from the games that gamers are used to. While it isn't long and doesn't have a complex story, it is a perfect game to pass a few hours playing for fun. This game is great for gamers who want to pass some free time or those who have a love for the fabulous reptiles. "Snake Pass" gets a 4/5.

Upcoming Events

Tampa Bay Food and Wine Festival
Date:
3/4 - 4/30 @ 12 PM- 9 PM
Location:
Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, FL
Contact:
(813) 884-4386
Price:
$29+
Decription:
Festival goers can enjoy a variety of specialty food, wine, and brews while in attendance to a popular and well-known concert lineup.

Photo from @Snake_Pass

Slither, coil, climb, stretch, and swim as Noodle in "Snake Pass."

Arts & Entertainment

"It's Alive!"

By Emily Kochanski
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Photo from @LifeMovie

David (played by Jake Gyllenhaal, left) and Miranda (played by Rebecca Ferguson, right) desperately fight to get home safely, without their monstrous discovery in tow.

Sometimes, the only thing more frightening than feeling alone is learning that we are not. "Life," the newest edition to the outer space horror genre will have audiences dreading the answer to the age-old question: is there life on mars? The film is directed by Daniel Espinosa and stars Ryan Reynolds, Jake Gyllenhaal, and Rebecca Ferguson.

Following in the footsteps of other sci-fi thrillers, such as "Alien" and "Prometheus," "Life" is the story of a team of astronauts who discover an alien lifeform, which (surprise, surprise) turns out to be deadly.

After successfully retrieving soil samples from mars, the six-member crew aboard the International Space Station discovers the first definite signs of extraterrestrial life, a single celled organism that they affectionately deem "Calvin." As the days pass and Calvin continues to rapidly evolve, the team learns that they have made a grave mistake. After a series of gruesome mishaps, Calvin escapes his containment and begins to wreak havoc on the unsuspecting crew. The team's mission of scientific discovery quickly evolves into a fight for survival. But keeping their little discovery from making his way to Earth won't be easy; because, minute by minute, Calvin is getting bigger. And smarter.

Though highly entertaining, "Life" is highly predictable. The film differs little from predecessors in the genre and even becomes highly repetitive at times. For a crew of brainy scientists, their methods of attack against Calvin are quite limited. They trap him, then attack, then release, then trap again; rinse, lather, repeat. As the crew chases Calvin from one corner of the Space Station to the next attempting to starve him of oxygen, the film seems to run out of air as well.

However, the film makes up for its lack of action with an ending that is guaranteed to leave movie goers with their jaws successfully dropped.

"Life" lacks much in the way of character development as well. Important details about each of the characters are revealed either right off the bat or not all and the acting is rather unexciting and even wooden at times. Neither Reynolds or Gyllenhaal deliver a unique performance outside of their usual spectrums, but still manage to entertain all the same. The special effects are unextraordinary as well, except for one ghoulish little feature.

In most sci-fi horror flicks gore is gratuitous; the amount of bloodshed is gruesome and needlessly excessive. But in "Life," the moments of bloodshed are minimal and by far the most entertaining of the entire film. Due to the lack of gravity, the precious red bodily fluids of Calvin's victims float weightlessly about the Space Station like little red bubbles of gore. This effect is small, yet brilliant; watching these blood bubbles drift about in zero gravity is hypnotic, grotesquely fascinating, and deeply unsettling. Though a bit underwhelming, "Life" is a breath of fresh air for the alien genre. It's the perfect flick to see in preparation for the highly anticipated "Alien: Covenant." "Life" gets 3/5 stars.

Sports

Men's Golf Heading to Conference Championships

By Rafal Matuszczak
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Photo from @saintleomgolf

The Men's Golf team will be heading to the Championships tournament, which starts on Apr. 23. The Women's Golf team will also be attending the tournament.

On Apr. 4, the Saint Leo Men's Golf played their last tournament of the regular season. The event that took place in Pensacola, Fla. was the Lions' last battle before heading to the Sunshine State Conference Championships (SSCC). While the team finished second, one of the Saint Leo golfers managed to become the second-best player individually.

The Argonaut Invite hosted by the University of West Florida did not start well for any of the teams. After finishing the first 16 holes of the Pensacola Country Club golf course, the game had to be suspended due to darkness.

The first problem occurred when the game had to be delayed due to inclement weather in the morning. Even though the players went back to the golf course at 2 pm, the first round of the game could not be finished due to darkness. The game was suspended at 8:15 pm and the players were asked to come back the next day at 11 am to finish the round.

As a result of the difficulties, the tournament was rescheduled, and the total number of holes was reduced from 54 to 36. The problems did not stop the Lions from placing in the first half of the pack with 587 points.

The Lions scored 294 points in their first round and 293 points in their second round, which allowed them to finish the tournament as sixth out of 14 teams with a score of 587 (+11).

The Lions' best player was Senior, Ryan Gendron, who managed to become the second-best player of the tournament. Gendron scored a total of 137 (-7) points. Gendron shot a 69 during the first round where he completed 16 holes and 68 on the remaining 20 holes of the course.

Freshman, Simon Knutsson was the Lions' second-best player. With 148 (+4), Knutsson was able to finish the game in 28th place. While in the first round the player shot 76 (+4), in the second round the Lions managed to shoot the even-par score of 72.

Junior Riley Goss, Senior Casey Bannon, Junior CJ Tyler, and Junior Colin Warren all finished outside of the top 30. Goss played individually, and his score did not count to the Lions' final result. The players finished the tournament in 33rd, 42nd, 49th, and 63rd respectively.

West Florida dominated the competition by winning the tournament with 18 strokes ahead of Missouri- St. Louis. The team shot 558 and managed to win the tournament on their home course.

For the Lions, the Argonaut Invite was the last game of the regular season before they head to Sunshine State Conference Championships. The tournament will take place on Apr. 23 and will last until Apr. 25.

The event is hosted by Florida Tech University in Melbourne Fla. on Duran Golf Course where the Lions played in early Mar. while taking part in the Panther Invitational.

Finishing the success from last year might be challenging for the Lions as the team of 2015/2016 set the level of competition very high by finishing second in the championship tournament. During the championships that took place in Key Biscayne, Fla. the Lions, who at this point were ranked as the second-best team in the nation, missed the SSC title by 12 strokes. Lynn University won the tournament while Florida Southern was third with 11 strokes behind Saint Leo.

Gendron is the only player who was one of the top five Saint Leo players participating in the championships and who remained in the team for the current season. Similarly to the Argonaut Invite, in 2016, the player managed to finish the tournament as the second-best player.

Since Gendron is a senior, it is the player's last chance to capture the SSC individual title. For more news about Saint Leo Golf and the championships tournament, stay tuned to the Lions' Pride Newspaper.

Upcoming Games for the Week of 4/14/17 - 4/28/17

M Track

4/14: Vs Mt. SAC Relays/Bryan Clay Invitational 8 AM
4/21: Vs Univ. of South Florida Invitational 5 PM
4/22: Vs Univ. of South Florida Invitational 5 PM
4/28: Vs Univ. of Florida Tom Jones Memorial 3 PM

W Track

4/14: Vs Mt. SAC Relays/Bryan Clay Invitational 8 AM
4/21: Vs Univ. of South Florida Invitational 5 PM
4/22: Vs Univ. of South Florida Invitational 5 PM
4/28: Vs Univ. of Florida Tom Jones Memorial 3 PM

Baseball

4/14: @ Barry 1 PM
4/14: @ Barry 5 PM
4/21: Vs Florida Tech 6 PM
4/22: Vs Florida Tech 1 PM
4/22: Vs Florida Tech 5 PM
4/27: @ Eckerd 6 PM
4/28: @ Eckerd 3 PM
4/28: @ Eckerd 7 PM

Softball

4/21: @ Palm Beach Atlantic 7 PM
4/22: @ Palm Beach Atlantic 1 PM
4/22: @ Palm Beach Atlantic 3 PM
4/27: Vs Rollins 7 PM
4/28: Vs Rollins 6 PM
4/28: Vs Rollins 8 PM

M Tennis

4/14: Vs Lynn 3 PM
4/20: @ Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy)
4/21: @ Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy)
4/22: @ Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy)

W Tennis

4/14: Vs Lynn 3 PM
4/20: @ Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy)
4/21: @ Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy)
4/22: @ Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy)

M Lacrosse

4/15: @ Lynn 1 PM
4/22: Vs Tampa 2 PM

W Lacrosse

4/18: Vs Lenoir-Rhyne 3 PM
4/22: @ Tampa 7:30 PM

M Golf

4/23: Vs SSCC Round 1
4/24: Vs SSCC Round 2
4/25: Vs SSCC Final

W Golf

4/23: Vs SSCC Round 1
4/24: Vs SSCC Round 2
4/25: Vs SSCC Final